



## News Release

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### **Forest Management Projects Continue Across Laramie Ranger District**

**(LARAMIE, Wyo.) June 4, 2012** – This summer and fall, multiple forest management projects will take place across the Laramie Ranger District (LRD) of the Medicine Bow National Forest. Projects include fuels reduction, hazard tree removal from roadsides and campgrounds, as well as thinning.

Most work will occur in the southern portion of the Snowy Range, although crews will be working on projects throughout the LRD. Visitors should be aware that this is a very active program of work that will affect access to certain roads and trails, due to necessary detours, delays and temporary road closures. Visitors may encounter logging machinery near contract areas and log trucks along Forest Roads and Highways. When machinery near roads is encountered, visitors are advised to use caution, not stop for extended periods of time, and keep moving through the area. Additionally, the public should not enter areas which are posted closed, as they are closed for their safety.

The following numbered list (see map also) of projects summarizes the primary locations and anticipated timeframes that work will occur. While only the main road locations are identified, visitors should be aware that other roads near projects may be affected.

Most work will be accomplished during weekdays; however, some work may occur on weekends and holidays. Temporary road closures and detours are a short-term inconvenience needed to provide for long-term public safety. Forest users need to be aware of ongoing changes that may affect their travel and recreation plans.

Laramie Ranger District visitors are encouraged to check the latest status of roads and recreation sites by calling 307-745-2300 or stopping by the District Office at 2468 Jackson Street in Laramie between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Recreation site information may also be found on this website, <http://fs.usda.gov/mbr>, or you can follow the MBRTB on Twitter, **@MBRNFsTBNG**.

This work is generally being done in response to impacts from the mountain pine beetle epidemic. Efforts will reduce hazards to private land owners, visitors and Forest Service employees.

Forest visitors are reminded that the mountain pine beetle epidemic has increased the risk of falling trees. Trees impacted by the beetles appear red or have no needles. Green trees left after fuels reduction or hazard tree removal treatments are also susceptible to being blown down due to removal of the trees around them. Recreationists should look up, look down and look around before setting up camps or parking vehicles under dead trees. Please be aware of your surroundings while visiting areas affected by the epidemic.

**2012 Laramie Ranger District Projects - \*Note: project numbers correspond with the numbers on map.**

1. West Devils POL (Products Other than Logs) Timber Sale  
NFSR 506, NFSR 512, NFSR 511, NFSR 500, Highway 11 – *Hauling and final work, anticipated completion by September, 2012.*
2. FHTR 543 Road Keystone Stewardship Task Order  
NFSR 512, NFSR 543 (on NFSR 543 from NFSR 512 Jct. to NFSR 542 Jct.) - *Anticipated operations beginning September 2012, anticipated daily road closure for segments of NFSR 543 where work is occurring.*
3. FHTR 542 Road Beaver Stewardship Task Order  
NFSR 542, NFSR 500, Highway 11 – *Possible operations summer 2012, possible road closure.*
4. FHTR 499/500A Road Spruce Stewardship Task Order  
NFSR 500, NFSR 500A, NFSR 499 – *Current operations, felling, log loading and log hauling on NFSR 500, 513, 517 and 512, possible daily road closure. Temporary delays on NFSR 499 due to logging operations may affect access to the Moore's Gulch private properties on weekdays.*
5. FY 2011 Pre-commercial Thinning Contract  
NFSR 500, NFSR 542, NFSR 305 – *Hand falling work to resume summer of 2012, no impact to road travel.*
6. FHTR 513/517 Road Muddy Stewardship Task Order  
NFSR 517, NFSR 513, NFSR 500, Fox Creek Road, Highway 11 – *Possible operations summer 2012, possible road closure.*
7. Strain Creek Stewardship Contract  
NFSR 517, NFSR 513, NFSR 500, Fox Creek Road, Highway 11 – *Final work and slash cleanup until approximately November 30, 2011, no log hauling, minimal impact to road travel.*
8. FHTR 517 Road Dry Fox Stewardship Task Order  
NFSR 517, from Foxpark to NFSR 513 – *Ongoing Operations until work is complete, felling, log hauling and final cleanup to be complete late August 2012, temporary delays for log truck loading.*
9. FHTR 509 Road Lake Creek Stewardship Task Order  
NFSR 512, NFSR 509 – *Final clean up, road blading, anticipated completion date of June 15, 2012.*
10. Wold Decks Timber Sale  
NFSR 544A, Highway 230 – *Anticipated operations June 2012, log loading and hauling only.*
11. WyColo WUI (Wildland Urban Interface) Fuels Reduction Project  
NFSR 501, NFSR 526, NFSR 898C, NFSR 898F, Highway 230 – *Operations ongoing, no hauling operations, minimal impact to road travel, anticipated completion date of September 2012.*
12. WyDOT Highway 230 Hazard Tree Removal  
Highway 230 – *Work anticipated to resume late November 2012 and continue through the winter of 2012/2013.*
13. Sixmile Stewardship Contract  
NFSR 516, NFSR 521, NFSR 898 – *Possible operations and hauling summer 2012.*
14. FHTR 898 Road Pelton Stewardship Task Order  
NFSR 898 – *Anticipated operations beginning winter 2012/2013.*
15. Carbon Power & Light Hazard Tree Removal Settlement Sale  
Not shown on map, NFSR 540, Lake Owen Area, Centennial Area, Snowy Range Ski Area, Highway 130, District Wide – *Operations to begin June 2012 and continue through the summer. Operations starting in the Lake Owen area, moving to the Centennial area, then to Snowy Range Ski Area.*
16. FHTR 351 Road Barber Lake Stewardship Task Order –  
Not shown on map, located approximately 1 mile northwest of Centennial, WY  
NFSR 351, Highway 130, Barber Lake Recreation Sites – *All Recreation sites are currently closed. Current operations, felling, log loading and hauling. Current road closure on the lower end of Barber Lake Road, from Highway 130 to Willow Campground. Permitted summer home owners should use alternate access (from the top of Barber Lake Road). Anticipated completion date of June 29, 2012.*



**Current and Anticipated  
Forest Management Contract Activity  
Reference Location Map**

Laramie Ranger District,  
Medicine Bow-Routt  
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